per cent to 15.9 per cent. However, the notification regarding the imposition of these provisional duties has not yet been issued by the European Commission.

(c) The total value of Indian Cotton yarn exported to EEC countries during the years 1988 to 1990 is given below:—

Year	Value in Million Rs.
1988	709.24
1989	679.22
1990	1890.24

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The matter has already been taken up with the EEC at the Ministerial level for a review of the EEC move.

Export of Cement

1173. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cement industries have signed a M.O.U. with some foreign countries to export cement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount of foreign exchange revenue expected through cement export during 1991-92; and

(d) whether any special facilities and arrangements have been made by Government to encourage such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government is not directly involved in agreements signed by private companies with foreign buyers and is, therefore, not aware of any MOU signed by the Cement Industry with some foreign countries.

(c) The Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council have estimated that cement exports during 1991-92 would be of the order of Rs. 50 crores.

(d) Government propose to allow import of coal by Cement units for export production under the Advance Licensing Scheme.

Share of Large Business Houses in Indian Foreign Trade

1174. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large business houses claim lion's share in gross value of Indian Exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the names of the monopoly houses and their value of imports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a majority of large houses lose foreign exchange;

(d) if so, the names of those large houses and the amount of foreign exchange lost individually; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken to correct this alarming situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (e) According to a study undertaken by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) on the export performance of the large industrial houses in India, 50 large industrial houses contributed 9.8 per cent to the total exports of the country in 1989-90.

Large industrial houses have a major role to play in the economic, industrial and export development of the country. Though they have contributed to the industrial growth, their export earning do not match with their foreign exchange utilisation. This situation is now changing in the sense that the exports and the imports ratio has been narrowing down from 1:1.69 in 1986-87 to 1:1.42 in 1989-90. Their role in the sphere of exports needs to be emphasised particularly in the context of the recent policy pronouncements made in